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FOR THESSALONIKI PORT IMPROVEMENT

REF: A) STATE 294769, B) THESSALONIKI 236, C) ATHENS 12158

AS REPORTED REFTEL B, THESSALONIKI PORT
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE
IT IS SUBSUMED IN A LARGER PROPOSAL UNDER
DISCUSSION WITHIN GOG TO MODERNIZE A NUMBER OF
GREEK PORTS. THESSALONIKI PORT AUTHORITY,
HOWEVER, IS NOW CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF MOVING
AHEAD INDEPENDENTLY TO AVOID FURTHER DELAYS.
ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR VALALAS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WILL SOON DECIDE WHETHER TO PUBLISH A REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PREPARATION OF A STUDY AND
PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING PORT OPERATIONS.
THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL WOULD BE ADOPTED FROM
SCOPE OF WORK PREPARED BY MR. PAKIS AS WELL AS
THE REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE
CORPS VOLUNTEER, LOUIS PURDEY. IF DECISION REACHED
TO GO AHEAD, STUDY PROJECT WILL BE OPEN TO BOTH
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC FIRMS. THIS MODERNIZATION
PROGRAM IS INDEPENDENT OF THE EUROPORT PROJECT (REF C)
WHICH REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN GOG.
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